

Introduced by Senator Cox

March 1, 2006

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 100, as introduced, Cox. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate September 2006, as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates there
2 will be 232,090 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States
3 this year, resulting in 30,350 deaths; and
4 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most
5 common cancer among men in almost all race and ethnic groups;
6 and
7 WHEREAS, African-American men are 50 percent more
8 likely to develop this disease than any other group of men; and
9 WHEREAS, Approximately 22,295 men in California will be
10 diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and each day more than
11 eight California men will die from this disease; and
12 WHEREAS, The survival rate for prostate cancer is 99 percent
13 when the disease is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 34
14 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body; and
15 WHEREAS, Early detection is the key to prostate cancer
16 survival and the American Cancer Society recommends that the
17 PSA blood test and the digital rectal examination should be
18 offered to men annually starting at age 50 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Men in high-risk groups, such as
2 African-Americans or those with a family history of prostate
3 cancer, should begin their annual screening at age 45 years; and

4 WHEREAS, The California Legislature joins communities
5 across our nation in recognizing Prostate Cancer Awareness
6 Month to increase awareness about the importance of early
7 detection and treatment of this disease; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates September
10 2006, as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and that all
11 Californians are encouraged to make themselves and their
12 families aware of the risk of prostate cancer and preventive
13 measures; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
15 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.